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For:

NUCLEIC ACID FRAGMENTS, RECOMBINANT VECTORS CONTAINING THE SAME AND METHOD FOR PROMOTING EXPRESSION OF STRUCTURAL

GENES USING THE SAME

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

April 1, 2003

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated October 1, 2002 the period for response being extended three (3) months, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

## In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 4. (Three Amended) The nucleic acid according to claim
- 1, consisting of a polynucleotide having the sequence of SEQ ID NO:

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9. (Three Amended) The recombinant vector according to claim 6, wherein said nucleic acid consists of a polynucleotide having the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1.